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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER PATENT APPLICATIONS

The following co-pending patent applications of common assignee contains some common disclosure:

"System And Method For Providing Transformation Of Multi-Protocol Packets In A Data Stream," Attorney Docket No. 1305.1 US 01, U.S. Patent Application No: 09/849.864 filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety;

"A Method And Apparatus For Providing Multi-Protocol, Multi-Stage, Real-Time Frame Classification", Attorney Docket No. 1305.4 US 01, U.S. Patent Application No: 09/849,913 filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety;

"System And Method For Policing Multiple Data Flows And Multi-Protocol Data Flows," Attorney Docket No. 1305.6 US 01, U.S. Patent Application No: 09/849,914 filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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The realization and benefits of such classification may be determined in a manner described herein and in copending U.S. Patent application, Attorney Docket No 1035.4 JS 01, U.S. Patent Application No: 09/849,913, entitled "A Method And Apparatus For Providing Multi-Protocol, Multi-Stage, Real-Time Frame Classification", filed concurrently herewith and assigned to the assignee of the instant application, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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The realization and benefits of such metering may be determined in a manner described herein and in copending U.S. Patent application, Attorney Docket No. 1035.6 US 01, Ser. No. U.S. Patent Application No: 09/849.914 xx/xxx,xxx, entitled "System And Method For Policing Multiple Data Flows And Multi-Protocol Data Flows", filed concurrently herewith and assigned to the assignee of the instant application, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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One such embodiment is described in copending U.S. Patent application, Attorney Docket No. 1035.1 US 01, Ser. No. ***xxx**, **xx** U.S. Patent Application No: 09/849,804, entitled "System And Method For Providing Transformation Of Multi-Protocol Packers In A Data Stream", filed concurrently herewith and assigned to the assignee of the instant application, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.